

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Herbert Pilling

In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicants : Kohei ODA, et al.

Appln. No. : 09/353,445

Filed : July 14, 1999

For : A METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING POLYESTERS  
CONTAINING AROMATIC MOIETIES, A DENIER  
REDUCTION METHOD OF FIBER, AND  
MICROORGANISMS HAVING ACTIVITY OF  
DECOMPOSING THE POLYESTER

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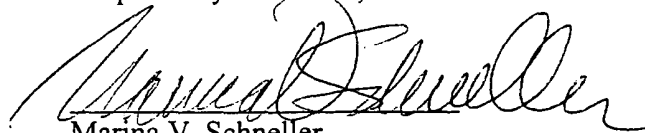
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.808(a)(2) are two Declarations, signed by the inventors, that state that all restrictions placed on the deposit of strains FERM BP-6444 and FERM BP 6445 deposited under the Budapest Treaty will be irrevocably removed upon the issuance of a patent.

It is believed that no fee is due for the submission of this Request. However, if such fees are deemed necessary, please charge said fees to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,



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STATEMENT IN  
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April 21, 2001

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Sir:

I hereby state that *Trichosporon* sp. No. 85 FERM BP-6445, of this invention was deposited on July 31, 1998, at the National Industrial Bioscience and Human-Technology Agency (NIBH), Ibaraki-ken, Japan, under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, and has been assigned NIBH accession number <sup>FERM</sup>BP-6445, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.801-1.809.

I also state that in accordance with the deposit contract, the deposit will be freely available to the public without restrictions upon the granting of a patent, and that the deposit will be maintained in accordance with the aforementioned regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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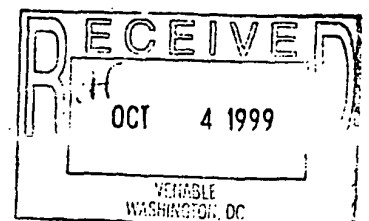
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